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Christmas Display

FANCY GOODS, TOYS, DOLLS,
LEATHER GOODS, CHINA,
AND BOOKS.
SEE MY GOODS!

Hattie Tweedie,
BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

CHRISTMAS PERFUMES.

Our New Perfumes are now
open for inspection. Make
your selections early, while
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ALSO GOOD VALUES IN

HAIR BRUSHES,
TOOTH BRUSHES,
MIRRORS,
SOAP BOXES,
DRESSING COMBS,
ETC.

FAIRWEATHER BROS.,
DRUGGISTS,
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Fun for the Boys

Means happiness for all
the household.



Fit them out with Skates, Slides, Snow
Shovels, etc., and Xmas weather is the
finest in the year for them.

Don't buy a thing in the Hardware line
until you have seen our display of Cutlery,
Silverware, Lamps etc.

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**A Lady Always
Appreciates a**

Xmas - Present,

Especially if it is a nice
bottle of PERFUME.
A full line of the best

English, French,

German and American

PERFUMES

— AT —

Dr. E. O. Steeves'

PHARMACY.

Intercolonial Railway of Canada

Christmas and New Year Holi-
days Excursions.

Local and through excursion tickets at first class
one way fare will be issued as follows:

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE VACATION:
DECEMBER 9TH TO 31ST, inclusive.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS:
DECEMBER 13TH TO 31ST, inclusive.

GENERAL PUBLIC:
DECEMBER 1ST TO JANUARY 1ST,
inclusive.

Limit for return leaving destination not later than
JANUARY 31ST for School and College Vacation
and JANUARY 4TH for Commercial Travellers and
General Public.

Tickets are good for continuous passage only in
either direction.

D. POTTINGER,
General Manager,
Railway Offices,
Moncton, N. B., Dec. 9th, 1899.

TENDERS.

Sealed Tenders addressed to the undersigned and
marked "Tender for Supplies," will be received at the
office of City Clerk up to 5 o'clock THURSDAY,
14TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1899, for the supply
of Oats, Hay, Heavy Feed and Wheat Bran, that may
be required for city teams for one year. Tender to
state price of Oats per bushel, Hay, Heavy Feed and
Wheat Bran per ton. Supplies to be delivered at such
times and quantities as the Chairman of Board of
Works may direct. All supplies are to be of best
quality. Separate tenders will be received for each
article or en bloc. Lowest or any tender not necessarily
accepted.
J. C. PATTERSON,
City Clerk,
Moncton, Dec. 13th, 1899.

SHORT FORM MORTGAGE.—Great
demand for this form just printed
at THE TRANSCRIPT OFFICE

FOUL PLAY AT SYDNEY, C. B., FEARED.

**Boss Simard, of the Steel
Co.'s Works,**

**Supposed to Have Been Murder-
ed at that Place.**

**Detective Carpenter of Montreal,
Working on the Case.**

SYDNEY, December 13.—Councillor
Hanrahan, who is also vice-president of
the board of trade, has been making
vigorous enquiries after Jean L. Simard,
of Montreal, who is missing from Sydney
since November 18th. He was boss car-
penter in the employ of the Dominion
Iron and Steel Company, limited. It
appears by their books that he was paid
the 17th of November with \$67. That day
he went to North Sydney, and returned
in company with some friends on the
steamer Peerless. His chest of tools,
which is valuable, remains at the house
where he was boarding, but the man him-
self has not since been seen. When last
seen Simard was crossing the new bridge
which connects the Dominion Iron and
Steel Company with Sydney. Private
facts which have recently come to light
point to foul play. Through the exertions
of Mr. Hanrahan, there is to be an im-
mediate investigation. Chief Carpenter,
Montreal, has been placed on the case
and further developments are awaited.

OF ALL THE EXISTING TONICS
BROMA is unquestionably the only one
which cures diseases of the blood and
nerves.
Take it courageously and give it to
your children and your aged parents.
Sold everywhere and briskly. Try it and
you will be well satisfied.

**KILLED IN A
NORTH SYDNEY MINE.**
On Monday a young man named Wiley,
a native of the north of England, was
killed in a pit at Old Sydney mines by a
fall of stone.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.
Take Laxative Broma Quinine Tablets
All druggists refund the money if it fails
to cure. 25c. E. W. Grove's signature is
on each box. 121-0

WESTMORLAND TEMPERANCE PEOPLE IN SESSION.

A meeting of the temperance people
from the different parts of the county is
being held in the vestry of the Central
Methodist church this afternoon and there
is a large attendance. Dr. Borden is in
the chair with Judge Emmerson as secre-
tary. The meeting was opened with
prayer and singing.

The finance committee's report showed
that all expenses incurred during the re-
cent campaign would be paid. The ques-
tion of choosing some one to represent the
temperance people at the reunion was
taken up and is at the time of going to
press under discussion.

ARRESTED BY "PEACHY" CARROLL.

"Peachy" Carroll, Pictou, and Chief
McEachern, of Sydney police force, ar-
rested two men, Higgins and Hutton,
natives of Pictou, Monday night at the
steel company's premises, North Sydney.
They were charged with assaulting an
officer in Pictou a few days ago. They
are at present incarcerated in the county
gaol awaiting orders for their re-
moval.

NOTICE.

TO THE PATRONS OF GIVAN'S STEAM
LAUNDRY.

Mr. F. W. Newman, Main Street, has
been appointed West End Agent for
Givan's Laundry. Any parcels or orders
left with the above will receive our prompt
attention.
170-6 E. W. GIVAN.

**Clearance Sale of Ladies' Tailor
made Homespun Suits in greys, browns
navys and black, sizes 32 to 38. Small
Children's Eider-Down Coats; all are extra
warm, being well lined, plain, fancy
patterns, trimmed with fur with bonnets to
match. You can have your choice of a
fine assortment at \$1.10 to \$2.50; sizes 2 to
5 years. School Girls' Knitted Gown
Jackets in cardinal and white, navy and
white, also plain colors. Children's Under-
vests and Drawers at 20c to 50c. Chil-
dren's Flannelette Night Dresses, under-
suits and Drawers, all of best English
flannelette, extra strong make, also a
splendid range of Women's Flannelette
Night Dresses, 50c to \$1.50 each. Great
reduction in Dress Goods for Xmas.
Fancy Silks in waist lengths, 25c to \$1.50
yd., a splendid range to select from.
Fancy Silk Scarfs, Table Covers, Mantle
Drapes, Piano Scarfs, suitable for
Xmas presents. Fancy open work goods
in Shams, Runners, Tray Cloths, Batten-
burg center pieces, Table Covers, Bureau
Mats, stamped d'oylies, Silks for working
fancy Silk cards. 250 pairs assorted
colors Ladies' Kid Gloves, laced, 4 hook
lengths, regular value \$1.25, to be cleared
during the holidays for 60c; real bargains.
Call early while the selection is large.
They will not remain long at this price.**

THE CENTRAL DRY GOODS STORE,
162-0-0

The death is announced of Frederick Nash,
for many years manager of the Union Bank
of Canada in Montreal, and latterly a prom-
inent stock broker.
Dr. Baendry, inspector of the provincial
health board of Quebec, reports the smallpox
epidemic at Kamouraska completely under
control. In all there were 198 cases.
The little girl, Ida Knight, charged with
attempted incest on the farm of J.
Frank Osborne, in Clarke township, has
made a confession to Chief Jarvis of Bowmanville,
in which she fully admits her guilt.

FOR WELL PEOPLE.

AN EASY WAY TO KEEP WELL.

It is easy to keep well if we would only
observe each day a few simple rules of
health.

The all important thing is to keep the
stomach right and to do this it is not
necessary to diet or to follow a set rule or bill
of fare. Such pampering simply makes a
capricious appetite and a feeling that cer-
tain favorite articles of food must be
avoided.

Prof. Wiechold gives pretty good ad-
vice on this subject, he says: "I am 68
years old and have never had a serious ill-
ness, and at the same time my life has
been largely an indoor one, but I early
discovered that the way to keep healthy
was to keep a healthy stomach, not by
eating bran crackers or distilling of any
sort on the contrary I always eat what
my appetite craves, but for the past eight
years I have made it a daily practice to
take one or two of Stuart's Dyspepsia
Tablets after each meal and I attribute my
robust health for a man of my age to the
regular daily use of Stuart's Tablets."

My physician first advised me to use
them because he said they were perfectly
harmless and were not a secret patent
medicine, but contained only the natural
digestives, peptones and diastase, and
preserves health to the well and strong."

Men and women past fifty years of age
need a safe digestive after meals to insure
a perfect digestion and to ward off disease,
and the safest, best known and most widely
used is Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

They are found in every well regulated
household from Maine to California and
in Great Britain and Australia are rapidly
pushing their way into popular favor.

All druggists sell Stuart's Dyspepsia
Tablets, full sized package 50 cents and
for a weak stomach a fifty cent package
will often do fifty dollars worth of good.

DISTRICT NEWS.

**Items of Interest From Our Dis-
trict Correspondents.**

INDEPENDENT FORESTERS.

PETITCODIAC.
PETITCODIAC, Dec. 13.—[Special].—At
the annual meeting of Court No. 94,
I. O. F., held on Monday evening, Dec.
11th, the following officers were elected
for the ensuing year:—J. E. Hiltz, C. R.;
Chas. Vallis, V. C. R.; A. Moore, R. S.; J. W.
Lowery, F. S.; C. R. Lockhart, Treas.; Rev.
F. C. Francis, Chaplain; Chas. Belding,
S. W.; Fred Feip, J. W.; E. Shaw, S. S.; Chas.
Fowler, J. B.; G. F. Fowler, C. D. H. C. R.;
G. W. Fleming, M. D., Court Phys.; James
Nelson, H. McCully, Trustees; S. L. Col-
pitts, H. McCully, Fin. Com. There was
also one candidate initiated. Court
Petitcodiac once the banner court of the
province is still in a flourishing condition.

ALBERT CO. NEWS.

At the funeral of Miss Jennie E. Bishop,
whose death occurred on Thursday the
services were largely attended at the Hill,
being conducted by Rev. F. D. Davidson,
pastor of the Hopeville Baptist Church.
There were many beautiful floral offer-
ings.

Clifford C. West, of Hopewell Hill, who
has been living in Vancouver, B. C., for
the past year and a half, came home on
Friday. He does not expect to return to
the west.

Mrs. Vernon, widow of the late Gideon
Vernon, died at her home at Harvey on
Friday after a quite lengthy illness. She
leaves no family. David Oliver of Water-
side, and Warren Oliver of Vancouver,
B. C., are brothers of the deceased.

At St. John's Church of England, Hope-
well Hill, Sunday morning, Rev. Mr.
Smithers delivered an excellent sermon on
the story of the prodigal son. Mr. Smithers
mistakenly assumed that the age of
Albert mission a year and a half ago,
have been attended by a great measure of
success.

Mrs. Butterfield continues quite seri-
ously ill at her home at Mountville.

BARGAIN DAY

— AT —

Flanagan's Furnishing Store,

THURSDAY, DEC. 14TH.

READY-MADE CLOTHING.

Men's Suits in double and single cut, all
wool, worth \$4.50 for \$3.50.

Men's all wool Tweed Suits in nobby
patterns, worth \$5.50 and \$7.00 for \$4.50
and \$5.75.

Men's Suits in extra quality worth \$8.50
and \$11.50 for \$7.00 and \$9.75.

Boys' suits, every style and style,
worth \$1.50 and \$1.75, \$2.50, \$2.75 and
\$3.75, for \$1.15, \$1.25, \$1.85, \$2.00 and
\$2.35.

Men's Overcoats in heavy Melton and
Beaver Cloth, worth \$6.00, \$8.00, \$10.50
and \$14.50, for \$4.50, \$6.75, \$8.75 and
\$12.50.

Men's Heavy Frieze Ulsters, worth
\$5.50, \$7.00, \$8.50 and \$9.00, for \$4.00,
\$6.00, \$7.25 and \$7.75.

Men's Pants, worth \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50,
\$2.00, for 75c, 95c, \$1.15 and \$1.25.

Men's White and Colored Shirts, worth
75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, for 50c and 75c.

Unlaundred Shirts worth 50c and 75c, for
35c and 50c.

Men's and Boys' Gloves worth 25c, 50c,
75c and \$1.00, for 15c, 25c, 35c and 75c.

Men's and Boys' Caps, worth 25c, 35c, 50c
and 75c, for 15c, 22c, 35c and 50c.

Men's top Shirts, worth 25c, 50c, 75c,
\$1.25 and \$1.50, for 17c, 39c, 55c, 95c and
\$1.10.

Men's heavy Hose, worth 25c, 35c, 40c and
50c, for 16c, 25c, 30c and 39c.

A line of pretty Ties worth 15c and 20c
for 10c; also a better line worth 35c, 40c and
50c for 25c.

Four ply Linen Collars at 10c each.
Don't miss this great sale on Thursday
next.

170-2 J. FLANAGAN.

If you want high class custom
tailoring done at reasonable prices, call
on ALEXANDER NEAL, 200 Main St.

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ONTARIO BYE-ELECTIONS.

Enormous Liberal Majorities

In Two Seats.

The Tories Hold Their Own by

a Close Call.

A Manitoba Seat Reported Tory

Has Gone Liberal.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 13.—The ballot box
which went astray in Springfield consti-
tuency has turned up, the result being that
Smith, Liberal, has a majority of 23.
Conservatives declare their intention to
enter a protest.

TWO AND TWO.

LIBERALS RETURN TWO MEN BY LARGE

MAJORITIES, THE CONSERVATIVES

TWO BY SMALL MAJORITIES.

TORONTO, Dec. 13.—Four bye-elections
to fill vacancies in the provincial house
took place yesterday. The result was an
even division. The Liberals won two
seats by large majorities. The returns
show East and West Elgin have returned
Conservatives, but by very narrow mar-
gins. The final results of the four elections
are:—

South Ontario—Dryden, (Liberal) 352

majority.

South Brant—Treston, (Liberal) 430

majority.

West Elgin—McDiarmid, (Conservative)

21 majority.

East Elgin—Brower, (Conservative) 58

majority.

The above is practically no change; as
the Tories carried East Elgin and claimed
West Elgin.

DEATH OF

SIR GEORGE KIRKPATRICK.

EX-LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF ONTARIO

AND A PROMINENT CONSERVATIVE

POLITICIAN.

TORONTO, Dec. 13.—[Special].—Sir
George A. Kirkpatrick, ex-Lieut.-Governor
of Ontario, died this morning.

Sir George Kirkpatrick was born at
Kingston, Ont., Sept. 13th, 1841. He
comes from Scottish descent.

He succeeded his father in March
1870 as the Conservative member
for Frontenac and held the seat
continuously until June 1st, 1892 when he
was appointed Lieut.-Governor of On-
tario. He was speaker of the House of
Commons from 1883 to 1887. He was
twice married, first to Frances Jane,
daughter of the late Hon. John Macaulay.
His second and surviving wife is Isabelle
Louise, youngest daughter of the late Sir
David McPherson. On the expiration of
his term of office as Lieut.-Governor of
Ontario, he was succeeded by Sir Oliver
Mowat.

CANADIAN TROOPS ARE PRAISED.

HIGHLY COMMENDATORY OPINIONS FROM

LONDON NEWSPAPERS.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The military ex-
perts, commenting on to-day's war news,
insist upon the admirable work being
done by the colonial troops.

The St. James Gazette to-day says:
"The New Zealanders, near Colesburg,
anticipated the Boers on an important hill
and drove them off with loss."

The New South Wales Lancers admi-
rably co-operated with our cavalry in the
same neighborhood.

"The Canadians at Orange River sta-
tion have been showing their quality as
yet in a way not less important, though
less showy."

"Being for the most part very handy
men, accustomed to take up any job that
fell in their way, they have been in-
valuable in very necessary work building
railway sidings, erecting platforms and
many useful duties essential to the pro-
gress of the campaign."

"Their loyalty and discipline in under-
taking this work is better proof of real
military value than almost any success in
fighting. We know they will be plucky
and cool in action."

"The Canadians have shown their long
home-training. Colonial campaigning
experience has not been lost on them and
they are now getting their reward in being
rushed off to the front."

A CHOICE XMAS BOX.

I will until the first of the New Year
give to every sifter for photos a Xmas
present and with every dozen cabinet
photos one will be artistically framed in a
choice new line of goods worth 75c. Or if
preferred, a beautiful photo lithograph
"Scenes in the Life of Christ." These are
something beautiful. Choice work in
clothing weather only come in early, it will
more than pay you to patronize
158-0-0 NORTHROP'S STUDIO.

NEW CROCKERY WARE.

Opening up today for Xmas Trade:—
Bread and Butter Plates.
Mustache Cups.
China Custard Dishes.
Glass Finger Bowls.
China Tea Sets.
Semi-porcelain Toilet Sets of 10 pieces,
for \$1.65.

Twenty different styles, sizes and col-
ors in English Jardenies.

Also 8 crates Johnson's White Ironstone
China.

One crate of White and Gold Semi-
porcelain, are entirely new designs.

THE PETER McSWENEY CO., LTD.
170-0-0

Xmas Cards, Calendars and Book-
lets. A very pretty assortment at JONES
BOOKSTORE.

64-0-0

THE PAINTING OF THE MARKET.

MR. R. KINNAR, WHO DID THE WORK IS
INTERVIEWED.

There has been such a turmoil in Tory
circles relative to the painting of the mar-
ket building, a TRANSCRIPT reporter in-
terviewed Mr. R. Kinnar, this morning
and on enquiring the circumstances of the
case Mr. Kinnar said, "When the ques-
tion of painting the market came up I
called on Ald. Harris, chairman of the
market committee, and asked him if he
objected to my getting the work. He re-
plied that he was willing if the
other members of the committee
were. He said he had no
objections. I then saw Aldermen Ryan
and Whitehead, the other members and
they said they were willing, as Ald.
Harris had expressed himself. I have no
objection. Ald. Ryan and Whitehead
further told me that they had all along
been perfectly satisfied that Ald.
Harris had no objections to me, from the
fact, as they said, that at a meeting of the
Market committee Ald. Harris had stated
that he was willing for me to get the
work, but as Cameron & Weldon were in
ward 1 he would have to make some
showing for them. Both Ald. Ryan and
Ald. Whitehead told me this."

CRAMPS AND PAINS.

Mr. John Hawke, Coldwater, Ont.,
writes: Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild
Strawberry is a wonderful cure for
Cramps and Pains in the stomach. I was
a great sufferer until I gave it a trial, but
now I have perfect comfort.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The boys' Y. M. C. A. conference will
be held in Fredericton this year on the
three last days of the year, Dec. 29, 30
and 31. An invitation has been sent to
the local association to send a number of
delegates. The chairman of the com-
mittee on boys' work will attend and
probably a member or more of the com-
mittee. Any boy is eligible to go and can
receive an application from the secretary
of the local association. The boys attend-
ing will be entertained by the boys of
Fredericton, the only cost to the boy being
his railway fare which at that time of the
year will be holiday rates. Parents are
requested to consider the question of
allowing their boy to attend this great
gathering of boys and Christian workers.
It will help the boys.

The collection taken at the Y. M. C. A.
mass meeting Sunday afternoon for the
Y. M. C. A. work with the Canadian boys
in South Africa has been increased by a
contribution of \$1.00 from Mr. D. Grant.
Other contributions would be duly
acknowledged and forwarded.

Mrs. Maggie Bevin, Charlottetown, P.
E. I., has this to say about Laxa-Liver
Pills: "For some time I was greatly
troubled with Sick Headache and Consti-
pation. I used Laxa-Liver Pills and found
they helped me more than any other
remedy."

EQUITY COURT SITTINGS.

Judge Barker held a sitting in the city
Council Chamber for the hearing of the
cause of Jonah vs. Jonah, as to ownership
of a piece of land and premises situate at
the corner of Queen and Telegraph streets.
W. B. Chandler, Q. C., for the plaintiff
and M. G. Teed for defendant. This is
now before the court and will take some
time.

The case of Mrs. Gallagher against the
City of Moncton will be taken up in the
morning, when Mr. Lodge it is expected
will be examined and probably also Ald.
Harris.

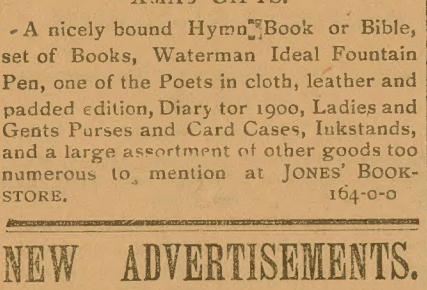
At Dorchester yesterday His Honor
ordered foreclosure and sale in the matter
of Magee vs. Turner et al on the motion
of H. A. Powell, Q. C.

On motion of H. A. Powell, Q. C., it
was ordered that Robert J. Duffy and
Mrs. Edgett do make a conveyance of
their ward's interest in certain premises at
Hillsboro to Wm. H. Duffy.

XMAS GIFTS.

A nicely bound Hymn Book or Bible,
set of Books, Waterman Ideal Fountain
Pen, one of the Poets in cloth, leather and
padded edition, Diary for 1900, Ladies and
Gents Purses and Card Cases, Inkstands,
and a large assortment of other goods too
numerous to mention at JONES' BOOK-
STORE. 164-0-0

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.



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For the lovely RINGS we
are showing is upon the hand
of some dear and valued
friend.

We Confidently Assert That no
Finer Assortment of

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paper devoted to the interests of the Mar-
itime Provinces. In politics it gives the
Liberal party an independent support, and
strongly advocates Freer Trade relations
between Canada and Great Britain as well
as with the United States.

THE DAILY TRANSCRIPT.

MONCTON, N. B., DEC. 13, 1899.

A \$20,000,000 TRADE.

Montreal Herald: "The Government can take not a little credit to itself for the splendid showing of the butter and cheese trade during the past season. It is true, of course, that this has grown to be one of Canada's most important industries and that the men entrusted in the trade have put forth every effort to extend their business. They are quick, however, to recognize the Government's share in the improved conditions and in this connection the interview given to The Herald by Mr. A. J. Hodgson, the President of the Butter and Cheese Association is interesting. He said:

"I am pleased to say that there has been a decided improvement in the quality of cheese this season. The marked interest the Government has taken in cheese as well as butter has, no doubt, been largely responsible for the improvement in this respect. The Government has been advocating the desirability of getting the factorymen to keep their curing rooms at a temperature of 65 degrees."

Mr. H. Hodgson, who has made butter his specialty this year, also adds his testimony to Government assistance and says:

"One of the main reasons for the high price is that farmers have shipped their butter while fresh. Thus it was that the butter arrived in England in the best possible condition, and all season it has been very highly spoken of. The Government has certainly helped the trade, and the excellent cold storage system has done much to further the interests of the Canadian article. I have no hesitation in saying that we will realize still better results next year."

"The wonderful progress of the butter and cheese trade these few years back has already been dwelt upon, but a few additional figures would not be out of place, as they will tell the story in a nutshell."

CHEESE EXPORTS.

Boxes.	1899	1898	1897	1896	1895	1894
1,896,496	1,888,785	2,102,985	1,726,726	1,710,750	1,712,715	

"It is in butter that progress is most marked, for in five years the business has grown from practically nothing to important proportions. The expansion in shipments is also accompanied by an equally appreciable advance in quality and prices, and it is encouraging to learn that all this season Canadian butter commanded a premium over American."

PKGS.

1899	451,050
1898	278,922
1897	225,321
1896	157,321
1895	69,654
1894	32,065

"It is roughly estimated that the butter and cheese trades combined brought Canada fully \$20,500,000 this season, or a gain of \$4,500,000 over 1898. How vast the gain over years previous has been is easy to conjecture."

The Winnipeg Free Press says:—The Conservative press in Ontario have taken the ground that it was an improper thing to appoint a member of the Legislature to office in order to give a seat to a new Minister, as in the case of Mr. Latchford. It is of interest to recall some cases in which a rather prominent Ontario Conservative, to wit, Sir John Macdonald, established this practice. Mr. McDougall got a Judgeship for vacating his seat in Three Rivers on behalf of the Minister of Public Works, Sir Hector Langevin. A gentleman was appointed to the bench in Manitoba in 1884 to make a vacancy in the House for Mr. Norquay's Attorney-General. Mr. Baby was made a Judge to provide a seat for Mr. Mousseau. A member of Parliament was appointed to an office so that a seat might be given to the Hon. J. S. D. Thompson. That case violated a rule which Sir Charles Tupper vehemently laid down when Mr. Blake induced Sir Oliver Mowat to leave the bench; but, of course, Sir Charles was dumb in Mr. Thompson's case. There are other cases, but these are enough to show the hypocrisy of the opponents in Ontario of the Ross ministry."

SOUTH AFRICAN DUTCH.

A list has been drawn up as follows of the Dutch words in common use in South Africa, and which are now occurring with more or less frequency in the war despatches:

Aanshouw	view prospect.
Aantogt	approach.
Aard	earth, ground.
Atrang	slope.
Aker	field.
Arend	eagle.
Baal	bay.
Baan	path, road.
Baas	master.
Beek	brook, bec.
Berg	mountain.
Burg	city, town.
Blaauw	blue.
Bloem	flower.
Boom	tree.
Bron	spring.
Broek	marsh, poor.
Brug	bridge.
Bosch	wood, forest.
Dal	valley.
Doorn	thorn, briar.
Dorp	village.
Fontein	fountain, spring.
Geboel	district.
Geel	yellow.
Groen	green.
Hoek	corner, edge.
Hout	wood, timber.
Keel	house.
Klei	clay.
Kloof	creek, ravine.
Kop	head, hill.
Kopje	hill.
Kraal	crow.
Landroost	local governor.
Loop	course, channel.
Luipaard	leopard.
Modder	mud.
Nachtmaal	Lord's Supper.
Pan	hollow.
Spruit	offshoot, tributary.
Zuid	south.

MONTREAL WITNESS: "At Toronto the other evening General Hutton repeated for the benefit of Canadians the warnings which Lord Wolseley and Lord Roberts had already given the people of the United Kingdom, that war was not a game of chess in which skill invariably won all battles; that the 'chances of war' was no empty phrase, and that reverses must occasionally be looked for. Even in what the Americans until their Philippine experience were used contemptuously to call 'England's little nigger wars,' the British arms occasionally suffered reverses, and the Afridi campaign among the Himalayas was because of the losses of the passes in Afghanistan at the beginning, declared on the Continent to be the beginning of the end of British rule in India. Even in England there were alarmists and croakers, but the end of the war saw the British more strongly established in South Afghanistan than ever before, with a firm possession of all the passes. General Gatacre's reverse will no doubt be triumphantly hailed as a 'disaster,' ominous of defeat for the British in South Africa by more than half of Europe, and British alarmists, in spite of the warnings to be prepared for occasional reverses, will be giving utterance to gloomy apprehensions. But General Gatacre's single defeat is not a disaster even to the comparatively small force engaged, not to speak of British arms in South Africa."

A WINNIPEG despatch says:—"The Liberals will wage a strong fight against the Macdonald forces in the elections for Dauphin and Gimli this week. Both districts are very inaccessible at this season of the year, as the rivers are not thoroughly frozen over and travelling is difficult, so the result may not be known before the following week. In five constituencies gained the Conservative majorities aggregate only sixty, and recounts will be applied for. In the event of failure, protests will be entered in several, as many evidences of corruption are coming to light. The defeat of Finlay Young, Speaker of the late Legislature, in Kilmer, was largely due to the lavish expenditure of money. Official figures reduce the majority of Mr. Rogers, Conservative, in Manitoba to 28, and there is also a falling off in other Conservative majorities. The five bye-elections necessary for the election of a new Cabinet will be contested by the Liberals. The securing of two of these elections would put the parties on equal terms in the new House. Manitobans will evidently have a very exciting winter of politics."

THE BANQUER COMMERCIAL says:—"The new commercial treaty between Mexico and China has been written in English. This interesting fact is one of great significance. For 200 years treaties between nations have been written in French, even including the treaty of peace between Spain and the United States. State department officials think the drafting of the Mexican Chinese treaty marks the beginning of the end of the French language in diplomatic uses. It has been employed owing to the fact that it has been the court language of Europe and to the further fact that its meaning is usually better defined than English. Inquiry develops the fact that English is fast supplanting French as the universal official language in use by the various embassies and legations at Washington."

FATAL RESULTS.

HAVE PROVED DIFFERENT. LONDON, Dec. 13.—The Lancet, stirred by the stories of the late juvenile cigarette fiends in America, appointed an analytical commission which investigated the composition of American cigarettes, and also the most popular English makes. The report is very satisfactory. Tests for opium, phosphorus, arsenic, and mercury, the presence of which has been alleged, did not show any of them in a single instance.

The Lancet says:—"There is not a single factor on which can be fairly based the allegation of the presence of any substance producing injury to health."

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I. C. R. BUSINESS INCREASED.

QUEBEC DEMANDS A SEPARATE DEPOT AND A RESIDENT FREIGHT AGENT.

QUEBEC, Dec. 13.—The board of trade at the annual meeting yesterday afternoon passed a resolution instructing the secretary to address the minister of railways and canals at Ottawa, a letter asking for the establishment of a separate station and depot for the Intercolonial Railway in this city, the accommodation given by the Grand Trunk railway is entirely inadequate for the requirements of the increasing business. This city also asks for the appointment of a resident freight agent to attend solely to their freight business.

CHARGES AGAINST

REV. MR. WINFIELD.
A FORMER MONCTON PASTOR WHOSE NAME FIGURED IN THE SCOTT ACT CAMPAIGN.

MONTREAL, Dec. 13.—At a meeting of the Montreal Presbytery yesterday morning the charges made by Thos. Brady against Rev. Mr. Winfield, pastor of Melville Presbyterian church, of using intoxicating liquor as a beverage was brought up. When the call was extended to Mr. Winfield it was known by the Melville church authorities that the reverend gentleman was not a total abstainer, but they state that before he accepted their call he had solemnly promised to discontinue the use of liquor. Some time ago Mr. Brady brought the charge against Mr. Winfield, and after consideration the session of Melville church ordered Mr. Brady to prove his charges in the Presbytery. Yesterday morning it was decided to summon a special session of the Presbytery for Friday to deal with the case. Mr. Brady had witnessed to testify in support of his charges, but it is said to be entirely a question of having smelled liquor on Mr. Winfield's breath, no one apparently having seen him take it.

A TERRIBLE DISEASE.
"I have been troubled with Salt Rheum for 6 years and could get nothing to cure me until I took Burdock Blood Bitters. It only required 5 bottles to make a complete cure. Mrs. Jas. Delzil, High Bluff, Man."

THE TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

HON. H. R. EMMERSON IS INTERVIEWED ON THE SUBJECT.

Hon. H. R. Emmerson was in St. John for a short time Monday on his way to Fredericton to attend a meeting of the Provincial government. Talking with the Globe on the proposed agricultural and industrial school, Mr. Emmerson's aid the scheme was one which the government had no definite plans, because the details have not yet been sufficiently considered to see whether or not such a school is practicable. He had a conference with Premier Murray of Nova Scotia on the subject, and between now and the end of the month a second conference would be held, which he estimated that Mr. Emmerson said that Nova Scotia was anxious for a school for instruction in agriculture and horticulture, while he thought the Maritime Provinces offered a field for a school that would give instruction in engineering and some at least of the trades, so that the youth of the country would see that it was as advantageous to take up work in other lines than the professions. How far such a school was practicable had not been considered, and he recognized that it would require a heavy expenditure, perhaps greater than could be undertaken. Asked as to the possible location of the school, Mr. Emmerson said this matter had not been considered, except so far as to agree that it should not be located near the city of St. John, as it would be to the detriment of the others. He felt the need of the school was very great, and believed if once established it would prove of inestimable advantage, but the matter was yet too shadowy to make any predictions for the future.

Mr. Fred Platt, 12 Frankish Ave., Toronto, says he suffered over 2 years from Sciatica, the pain would shoot down the back of his leg, his heel. Three boxes of Milburn's Rheumatic Pills have cured the pain and made him as limber as a boy.

MARITIME PROVINCE NOTES.

A BUDGET OF INTERESTING OCCURRENCES BY THE SEA.

The death occurred Monday of Florence, aged 15 years, daughter of Mr. John B. Scott, of Milks, and niece of Mr. N. C. Scott, of St. John.

A man named Larson, a fireman on s.s. Britannic, which was loading a cargo of coal at Louisbourg, on Sunday night missed his footing and falling into the hold was instantly killed.

The Amherst News says: J. H. Turner, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, has been granted six months leave of absence. He goes to the Adirondacks to recruit his health. J. H. Stevenson from the bank's head office at Halifax, takes his place.

Mr. Hugh H. D. Davidson, a prominent lumberman of Pictou, died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. C. M. Davidson, in Simonds, Monday. The deceased was 78 years of age and was a native of Scotland.

On Tuesday night week last Mr. James Skerry, prominent for many years in the mercantile life of Alberton, P. E. I., breathed his last. Mr. Skerry had been ailing upwards of a year but only recently took to his bed.

The death of Mrs. McLennan, wife of Dr. McLennan, M. P. for Inverness, occurred at her home in Margaree on Friday after a brief illness. Dr. McLennan lost also two children recently. The deceased was a sister of Mrs. Simon Fraser, Sydney, and of Rev. C. W. McDonald, Bridgeport.

There was an interesting gathering at the City Hall, St. John Tuesday afternoon, when Ald. Robinson, chairman of the Treasury Board, on behalf of the Council presented the thanks of the Council and \$10 to the eight men who manned the lifeboat on Saturday morning, December 2, and rowed through the storm to the schooner Hazel Dell, ashore on the bank of the river, and rescued the crew. The act was a brave and heroic one, and the Council fittingly rewarded it yesterday.

Orders have been received by Colonel Granger, manager of the Coxheath Copper Mines, at North Sydney, to cease operations. It is stated that the Cape Breton Copper Co. are soon to transfer their areas to a syndicate, already organized, consisting of Canadian and London capitalists, and that this mine will soon be vigorously developed. A smelter is to be established, and the Beechmont mine, which has hitherto only been partially developed, is to be worked vigorously and the copper mined and shipped to the principal markets.

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BABY HUMORS.

IMPPLICATED WITH DAVIS.

BOSTON, December 13.—George R. Litchfield, a printer, and Porter M. Bliss, a photographer, both of this city, were arrested Tuesday, charged with complicity in the recent counterfeit case in which, in connection with which one person is in prison and three others are under arrest. The men taken into custody appeared before commissioner Fiske, pleaded guilty and were held in \$5,000 for appearance Friday morning.

The arrest of Litchfield and Bliss is the culminating chapter in the Canadian counterfeiting case, which has been under the watchful eye of detectives and the United States authorities in Canada for the past two months. George Chisholm, who was arrested in Halifax in October on the charge of passing counterfeit money, giving the names of the parties concerned, five in all. William Davis and Annie Hubert, the woman who passed as his wife, the principals were arrested in Gutrie, Ckla., whether they had flown as soon as they learned that Chisholm had confessed. George Davis, a brother of Wm. H. Davis, is also under arrest. On the arrival of William Davis and Annie Hubert in this city four days ago they made a full confession to the officers, and it was through their statements that Litchfield and Bliss were arrested. It is said that they did not ask mercy in making their confession.

[This is the case which detective Skeffington so successfully worked.]

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SIX INFANTS AT ONE BIRTH.

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 13.—Mrs. John Karl, a German, living five miles from St. Eno, Ala., gave birth to six male children the other morning, and three of them are now living. Her husband sent a letter here to Sheriff Hester in the city, who has been in the country, appointing him to feed the litter. The letter says: "Each child weighed about five pounds. The mother is doing well."

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BY RICHARD DOWLING.

(Continued.)

I left Charterhouse-square with a mind full of musing. As I entered the Cheap-side restaurant which Barrows frequented I caught a glimpse of Martin Grain at the opposite side of the street. He was watching the door of the restaurant. I did not like this. The porter was plainly waiting for Barrows. What could Barrows want with him after office hours?

Only three or four men were in the dining-room when I entered it. Barrows was sitting in the darkest corner with his back towards me. I went up to him lightly and put my hands on his shoulders. He glanced round with a violent start.

"I have come," said I, trying to appear at ease, "for that handshake."

He turned ghastly, fumbled with his napkin, looked at the ground right and left, and finding no way out, the difficulty gave me his hand. I had no sooner touched it than he snatched it away as if mine was red hot. I took a chair beside him.

"I did not think there was time for you to get to Hampstead and back since—" said he, looking into his plate.

"I to Hampstead!" A chill passed through my whole body.

"Yes; to Seven Oak House, with that hundred pound note for the governor."

"I tried to laugh, but no sound came. You see I received a letter from him this morning enclosing a cheque for a hundred and asking me to send you out with a one hundred pound note under cover." He tilted his head, and fixed his dark, mean eyes on me.

"But—" He raised his hand for silence. "I guess the hundred is intended as a wedding and a good-bye present for you. For the first time you go to the bank and get one note for the cheque I send up the note, hand it to you, and tell you to take it to Mr. Strangford, Seven Oak House, Hampstead."

"You—"

"Hush! The people will overhear, and if they understand your words you risk arrest on the spot."

"Arrest!"

"Listen. You are about to leave Strangford and Co., and start for some place where it might be difficult to follow you. Not dreaming that the money is for yourself, a wedding present for the son of his old and beloved friend, you close on it, believing you will be at sea before the theft is detected."

"Or infernal!"

"I advise you not to make a disturbance. If you attract attention the police will lay you by the heels before your time. Well, you break open the cover when you have put a safe distance between you and the office, and you change the hundred pound note at Green and Whellon's. They give you eighty in gold and a twenty pound note. This twenty you change at Hindley and Gordon's in Fleet-street, buying a handbag and an umbrella for the lady who is to be your wife."

"But the bag and umbrella—"

"Are now with your landlady, Mrs. Grever, at your lodgings in Hubert street, Tottenham Court-yard. They were sent open and in your name, so that the landlady may be able to identify them. It is quite impossible for you to escape the consequences of your embezzlement."

Barrows rose knocking some crumbs off his waistcoat with his feeble transparent hands.

"While you were buying the bag and umbrella I wrote to you. I wrote to you, I am sorry I could not go to the bank for the cash, as I was very busy with the books. I sent Harwood. I handed him the hundred pound note sealed up, telling him to be careful of the packet and to deliver it into your own hands, as the hundred pound note was in it. You will have received the money before this reaches you. I wrote now merely to let you know that I did not go to the bank myself—Yours respectively, F. Barrows."

"That letter I posted as I came along here. No doubt the police will be in possession of the facts of your miserable case to-morrow morning, if not tonight. I do not think I have yet offered you my congratulations on your approaching marriage to Miss Langley. Permit me to do so now."

I sat motionless petrified.

"You were very anxious to clasp my hand a couple of hours ago, and now you seem indifferent to the privilege. But really, Mr. Harwood, I have no more than got even with you. I would be only too glad to spend a few months, ay, a few years, in goal if I could be sure of finding so charming a lady waiting for me on my release. I wish you a pleasant afternoon."

He turned on his heel and strode slowly away.

I was bereft of all my powers. The audacity of Barrows' plot overwhelmed me. I could not believe myself awake and in my right mind. I looked round me, half expecting to hear a shout of laughter and voices declaring I had been the victim of a practical joke.

I staggered to my feet and rushed into the street with the wild hope of overtaking Barrows and extracting from him an admission that his whole story was an invention. I felt alternately frantic with convicting emotions and paralyzed by dread. Up and down deserted Chopside I glanced for sight or trace of Barrows. I recognized no one. Grain was no longer visible.

Perhaps Barrows had intended the diabolic story to frighten me. Perhaps that was his way of revenging himself for the imaginary wrong he fancied I had done him. One part of his statement I could and would immediately test.

Jumping into a hansom I told the driver to take me with all speed to Hubert-street. I alighted at the door of my lodgings and opened it with a key. The landlady was coming downstairs. "Mrs. Grever is here," I cried. "Have any things come for me?"

"Yes, sir; a lady's umbrella and handbag. I put them in your room."

I staggered against the wall.

"There's nothing wrong, sir, I hope? You weren't expecting anything else?"

"No; they are quite enough," said I, bitterly.

I went back to the hansom and drove to Charterhouse-square. It was dark now. Alice Fraser had left. I found Tessie alone stitching still. She laid down her work. I told her of my interview with Barrows and my visit to Hubert-street, winding up with: You see the evidence against me is conclusive. This villain will go into the witness-box and swear to his story with the face of an honest man. The teller of the bank and the people who changed the notes will identify me, and Mrs. Grover will swear to the bag and umbrella. Oh, what am I to do? And think of tomorrow!

"And you were as far as Hubert-street, and turned back?"

"Turned back from where?"

"Turned back on your way to Seven Oak House."

"En?" I cried. "If I went there I should come away from it in charge of the police."

"If you don't go there at once and give

your version of the affair, you will certainly find yourself in charge of the police."

Distraught I walked up and down the little room. Tessie took up her work and resumed her stitching as if nothing particular was the matter. Her calmness maddened me.

"Tessie," I cried, pulling up in front of her, "you treat this affair as a trifling matter. Our marriage, our going to South America, my position, my very liberty is at stake. In pity's name tell me what I am to do?"

"I have implied already. Go at once to Seven Oak House. Every minute you lose is making the danger greater. So sure am I of this that I will not open my lips to you again until you come back from Hampstead."

"But I shall be arrested there!"

She made no reply. She folded up her work and put it away. Rising from her chair she straightened the window curtains. She pushed up the gasaliers. She put the chair on which I had been sitting with its back to the wall, ignoring my presence. She was pretending I had not been there.

I moved about as though nothing of the consequence occupied her mind than getting the tea. But her hands trembled when she touched the curtains, and as she crossed the floor she stumbled over nothing.

I went to her, and winding my arms round her said, "You are right, dearest. I will go at once." I kissed her, and then set out for Hampstead.

When I entered the library of Seven Oak House I found Mr. Strangford, a short, purple-faced, plain-looking bachelor of sixty, standing on the hearthrug. He scowled at me.

"Nice time for you, sir to turn up," pulling out his watch. "Twenty minutes past seven, and I've been expecting you since three. When I heard you were here now I was on the point of saying I would not see you. You have been philandering, sir, instead of attending to business, as I thought enough for the society of the young lady. I wished to see you, but to not to make any profit out of you, but to tell you I thought very highly of you to assure you I wished you well, to say good-bye, and to make you a little present. Now, for two pins I'd refuse to say good-bye."

His face grew a deeper purple as he delivered this speech in vehement tones and with angry gestures.

"I was, I may say, by accident I learned you wished to see me. I said not knowing how to begin my story."

"By accident," he shouted furiously. "Why, sir, only a few minutes ago I had a letter from Barrows informing me that he had given you a sealed packet with instructions to take it to me. I presume he handed you the packet before the office shut, that is before two o'clock, and it's now twenty to seven."

He did not give me any sealed packet or any instructions to come out here.

Mr. Strangford's mouth fell open, and he stood glaring at me as if he thought me mad. After a moment his mouth closed he drew down his brow and muttered in a tone of perplexity, "I can't have misread your note. He drew it out of his pocket and mumbled it over. As far as I could catch the words it was in effect what Barrows had repeated to me."

"Why what do you mean, sir?" Mr. Strangford cried savagely. Read that for yourself. He flung the note on the table.

I took it up and ran my eye over it to gain time.

"Well, sir; isn't that plain? There!" dropping his voice he said with a sigh as though he was tiring of this matter. "And now I want an explanation of why you went philandering for four hours instead of coming here, and I want the packet."

"So far from amusing myself since I left the office, I never spent so anxious a time in all my life."

The expression of anger left his face to be succeeded by one of mingled curiosity and pain.

"Young Harwood, I knew your dead father well and liked him well. He was as straight a man as breathed."

I felt the words were an imputation on myself.

"Mr. Strangford, may I ask you to believe that quality of straightness is hereditary? May I ask you for fair play? May I ask you to hold me innocent until I am proved guilty?"

To be Continued.)

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THE WORLD OF SPORT.

PITHY PARAGRAPHS FROM THE HAUNTS OF SPORTING MEN.

Summersgill, the English cyclist, who landed the mile championship at Montreal has earned \$10,000 in prize value on the cycle path, and has decided to retire.

General opinion among sporting men is that Siler will not do as a referee on decision fights. His honesty of purpose, his integrity, are unquestioned, and for finish fights and as an exponent of Marquis of Queensbury rules he is superb, but as an arbitrator on points his decisions in the Sharky-Jeffries and O'Brien-Eme fights have not pleased the public.

Fitzsimmons, after his quarrel with his backer at Chicago, went out to "paint the town." He claims to have been attacked by a highwayman, whom he knocked down. He was followed by the police, flourishing a revolver; they removed the cartridges and took Fitz to the hotel.

St. John will hold a hockey meeting to-night; delegates from St. John, Amherst, Moncton, Fredericton and Sussex are expected to be present. The Telegraph says: "It was stated and believed that the Amherst hockey team had been suspended by the M. A. A. A. for playing Spittal on their team under an assumed name. So far the Amherst team have not been officially notified of the suspension, and the matter is not regarded as serious by the local hockey players."

JACK O'BRIEN A NOVA SCOTIAN.

Mark T. Collins of Charleston, Mass., writes to the Boston Post:—"In reading the account of the Ernie O'Brien fight in a Boston paper, I see that they put O'Brien down as being an Irishman, but such is not the case. Jack O'Brien, like George Dixon, is a Nova Scotian by birth, his father and mother having also been born there. His father was of Irish descent, and his mother was a full-blooded French woman, her maiden name being Resnor. O'Brien was born in Little Bras d'Or, Cape Breton, and he left there about 7 years ago and settled with his family in New York city. He attended public school until he was twelve years of age, and after that he went fishing during the summer months in his father's vessel. His father is now in East Boston and one of his married sisters is also living there. The rest of the family live in New York. O'Brien is now about 22 years of age. There were seventeen children in O'Brien's family, but that is nothing down East, for the French and Irish are very prolific. While at school Jack was always a good boy, and was never known to be of a fighting disposition. Several of his cousins are very talented, one being a professor in a college."

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MAUSER WOUNDS HEAL RAPIDLY.

BOERS' NEW WEAPONS NOT SO EFFECTIVE AS THEIR OLD MARTINI-HENRY RIFLES.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The war is already yielding interesting results in the study of wounds inflicted by the various projectiles in use on both sides. The Lancet's correspondent at Caye Town sends an important report, in which he says of the wounded there:—

"A majority of the cases result from Mauser bullets with a few from Martini-Henry, and the difference is extremely marked. The Mauser does not inflict so severe a wound and the crushing power is distinctly less. In most cases it is difficult to determine the aperture of entry and that of exit from the appearance of the wound, both apertures in nearly all cases being identical in size. Of course I am referring to wounds of fleshy nature the bullets traversed the muscular structures only. In the case of perforation, grooving or tunnelling of bones, the aperture of exit is much enlarged."

"It is simply surprising to note how quickly and readily these wounds heal. In a great number of cases the ordinary dressing is quite sufficient to bring about complete healing, and the small calibre rifle and the consequent size of the bullet tell most favorably. In fact, instead, as with the Martini-Henry or Remington bullet, of a wound resulting through which one can thread a large-sized drainage tube, the tissues are so little disturbed that they close immediately after the missile has passed, and the healing begins at once. In nearly all cases they are as acceptable as can be wished. There are a few cases of shell wound, and these, naturally, are more severe, the laceration of muscle and other soft tissues and the splintering of bone being the chief characteristics."

"The weather keeps rather cool in the morning and after sunset, and the men coming from Natal brace up wonderfully after a few days in the hospital here. This climate is exceptionally good for wounds. In fact, they heal in such a marvellous manner that unless a man is struck in a vital part the probabilities are that he will be fit for fighting again in a few weeks, a fact that will be forcibly impressed upon the Boers before we are done with them. I cannot help thinking that if they had any experience with the wounds caused by their new rifles, they would discard them in favor of their old friend, the Martini-Henry."

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972¢, 978¢, 984¢, 990¢, 996¢, 1002¢, 1008¢, 1014¢, 1020¢, 1026¢, 1032¢, 1038¢, 1044¢, 1050¢, 1056¢, 1062¢, 1068¢, 1074¢, 1080¢, 1086¢, 1092¢, 1098¢, 1104¢, 1110¢, 1116¢, 1122¢, 1128¢, 1134¢, 1140¢, 1146¢, 1152¢, 1158¢, 1164¢, 1170¢, 1176¢, 1182¢, 1188¢, 1194¢, 1200¢, 1206¢, 1212¢, 1218¢, 1224¢, 1230¢, 1236¢, 1242¢, 1248¢, 1254¢, 1260¢, 1266¢, 1272¢, 1278¢, 1284¢, 1290¢, 1296¢, 1302¢, 1308¢, 1314¢, 1320¢, 1326¢, 1332¢, 1338¢, 1344¢, 1350¢, 1356¢, 1362¢, 1368¢, 1374¢, 1380¢, 1386¢, 1392¢, 1398¢, 1404¢, 1410¢, 1416¢, 1422¢, 1428¢, 1434¢, 1440¢, 1446¢, 1452¢, 1458¢, 1464¢, 1470¢, 1476¢, 1482¢, 1488¢, 1494¢, 1500¢, 1506¢, 1512¢, 1518¢, 1524¢, 1530¢, 1536¢, 1542¢, 1548¢, 1554¢, 1560¢, 1566¢, 1572¢, 1578¢, 1584¢, 1590¢, 1596¢, 1602¢, 1608¢, 1614¢, 1620¢, 1626¢, 1632¢, 1638¢, 1644¢, 1650¢, 1656¢, 1662¢, 1668¢, 1674¢, 1680¢, 1686¢, 1692¢, 1698¢, 1704¢, 1710¢, 1716¢, 1722¢, 1728¢, 1734¢, 1740¢, 1746¢, 1752¢, 1758¢, 1764¢, 1770¢, 1776¢, 1782¢, 1788¢, 1794¢, 1800¢, 1806¢, 1812¢, 1818¢, 1824¢, 1830¢, 1836¢, 1842¢, 1848¢, 1854¢, 1860¢, 1866¢, 1872¢, 1878¢, 1884¢, 1890¢, 1896¢, 1902¢, 1908¢, 1914¢, 1920¢, 1926¢, 1932¢, 1938¢, 1944¢, 1950¢, 1956¢, 1962¢, 1968¢, 1974¢, 1980¢, 1986¢, 1992¢, 1998¢, 2004¢, 2010¢, 2016¢, 2022¢, 2028¢, 2034¢, 2040¢, 2046¢, 2052¢, 2058¢, 2064¢, 2070¢, 2076¢, 2082¢, 2088¢, 2094¢, 2100¢, 2106¢, 2112¢, 2118¢, 2124¢, 2130¢, 2136¢, 2142¢, 2148¢, 2154¢, 2160¢, 2166¢, 2172¢, 2178¢, 2184¢, 2190¢, 2196¢, 2202¢, 2208¢, 2214¢, 2220¢, 2226¢, 2232¢, 2238¢, 2244¢, 2250¢, 2256¢, 2262¢, 2268¢, 2274¢, 2280¢, 2286¢, 2292¢, 2298¢, 2304¢, 2310¢, 2316¢, 2322¢, 2328¢, 2334¢, 2340¢, 2346¢, 2352¢, 2358¢, 2364¢, 2370¢, 2376¢, 2382¢, 2388¢, 2394¢, 2400¢, 2406¢, 2412¢, 2418¢, 2424¢, 2430¢, 2436¢, 2442¢, 2448¢, 2454¢, 2460¢, 2466¢, 2472¢, 2478¢, 2484¢, 2490¢, 2496¢, 2502¢, 2508¢, 2514¢, 2520¢, 2526¢, 2532¢, 2538¢, 2544¢, 2550¢, 2556¢, 2562¢, 2568¢, 2574¢, 2580¢, 2586¢, 2592¢, 2598¢, 2604¢, 2610¢, 2616¢, 2622¢, 2628¢, 2634¢, 2640¢, 2646¢, 2652¢, 2658¢, 2664¢, 2670¢, 2676¢, 2682¢, 2688¢, 2694¢, 2700¢, 2706¢, 2712¢, 2718¢, 2724¢, 2730¢, 2736¢, 2742¢, 2748¢, 2754¢, 2760¢, 2766¢, 2772¢, 2778¢, 2784¢, 2790¢, 2796¢, 2802¢, 2808¢, 2814¢, 2820¢, 2826¢, 2832¢, 2838¢, 2844¢, 2850¢, 2856¢, 2862¢, 2868¢, 2874¢, 2880¢, 2886¢, 2892¢, 2898¢, 2904¢, 2910¢, 2916¢, 2922¢, 2928¢, 2934¢, 2940¢, 2946¢, 2952¢, 2958¢, 2964¢, 2970¢, 2976¢, 2982¢, 2988¢, 2994¢, 3000¢, 3006¢, 3012¢, 3018¢, 3024¢, 3030¢, 3036¢, 3042¢, 3048¢, 3054¢, 3060¢, 3066¢, 3072¢, 3078¢, 3084¢, 3090¢, 3096¢, 3102¢, 3108¢, 3114¢, 3120¢, 3126¢, 3132¢, 3138¢, 3144¢, 3150¢, 3156¢, 3162¢, 3168¢, 3174¢, 3180¢, 3186¢, 3192¢, 3198¢, 3204¢, 3210¢, 3216¢, 3222¢, 3228¢, 3234¢, 3240¢, 3246¢, 3252¢, 3258¢, 3264¢, 3270¢, 3276¢, 3282¢, 3288¢, 3294¢, 3300¢, 3306¢, 3312¢, 3318¢, 3324¢, 3330¢, 3336¢, 3342¢, 3348¢, 3354¢, 3360¢, 3366¢, 3372¢, 3378¢, 3384¢, 3390¢, 3396¢, 3402¢, 3408¢, 3414¢, 3420¢, 3426¢, 3432¢, 3438¢, 3444¢, 3450¢, 3456¢, 3462¢, 3468¢, 3474¢, 3480¢, 3486¢, 3492¢, 3498¢, 3504¢, 3510¢, 3516¢, 3522¢, 3528¢, 3534¢, 3540¢, 3546¢, 3552¢, 3558¢, 3564¢, 3570¢, 3576¢, 3582¢, 3588¢, 3594¢, 3600¢, 3606¢, 3612¢, 3618¢, 3624¢, 3630¢, 3636¢, 3642¢, 3648¢, 3654¢, 3660¢, 3666¢, 3672¢, 3678¢, 3684¢, 3690¢, 3696¢, 3702¢, 3708¢, 3714¢, 3720¢, 3726¢, 3732¢, 3738¢, 3744¢, 3750¢, 3756¢, 3762¢, 3768¢, 3774¢, 3780¢, 3786¢, 3792¢, 3798¢, 3804¢, 3810¢, 3816¢, 3822¢, 3828¢, 3834¢, 3840¢, 3846¢, 3852¢, 3858¢, 3864¢, 3870¢, 3876¢, 3882¢, 3888¢, 3894¢, 3900¢, 3906¢, 3912¢, 3918¢, 3924¢, 3930¢, 3936¢, 3942¢, 3948¢, 3954¢, 3960¢, 3966¢, 3972¢, 3978¢, 3984¢, 3990¢, 3996¢, 4002¢, 4008¢, 4014¢, 4020¢, 4026¢, 4032¢, 4038¢, 4044¢, 4050¢, 4056¢, 4062¢, 4068¢, 4074¢, 4080¢, 4086¢, 4092¢, 4098¢, 4104¢, 4110¢, 4116¢, 4122¢, 4128¢, 4134¢, 4140¢, 4146¢, 4152¢, 4158¢, 4164¢, 4170¢, 4176¢, 4182¢, 4188¢, 4194¢, 4200¢, 4206¢, 4212¢, 4218¢, 4224¢, 4230¢, 4236¢, 4242¢, 4248¢, 4254¢, 4260¢, 4266¢, 4272¢, 4278¢, 4284¢, 4290¢, 4296¢, 4302¢, 4308¢, 4314¢, 4320¢, 4326¢, 4332¢, 4338¢, 4344¢, 4350¢, 4356¢, 4362¢, 4368¢, 4374¢, 4380¢, 4386¢, 4392¢, 4398¢, 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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL
Stray Gossip from Both City
and Country.Gleaned by "Transcript" Corres-
pondents and Reporters.A Newsy Budget of Happenings
Round About the District.Mr. W. B. Torrence, of Halifax, is in
the city.Everything was quiet in the police
circles last night.Travelling Passenger Agent LeBlanc
has returned from Boston.Meeting of the Hospital Board in the
city building at 20 o'clock this evening.Miss Sherry and Miss McManis, of
Memramcook, are in the city.Mrs. D. Trites and Mrs. (Dr.) McDon-
ald, of Pelitodiac, are in town today.Rev. Dr. Stewart and Principal Palmer
of Sackville were in the city today.Mr. Jas. T. Ryan, grocer, is distribut-
ing among his patrons a neat calendar
for 1900.Mr. M. C. MacRobbie, the well known
commercial man, is in the city on a busi-
ness trip.Miss Florence White, of Shediac, who
has been visiting Mrs. Robert Jardine, St.
John, returned home today.Karl Creelman, of Truro, the round-the-
world bicyclist, writes from Vancouver
that he has gone to Australia.Court Stenographer Fry is reporting the
equity proceedings being held by Judge
Barker in the city council chamber today.Last night a blustering rain storm start-
ed in about nine o'clock and continued
until midnight. There was a very high
wind.In the mayoralty contest in Boston yes-
terday Hon. Thomas Hart, republican
defeated Collins, democrat, by 3,000
plurality.Rev. Dr. Carman, of Toronto, who is in
Halifax, expects to preach at Oxford on
Sunday morning and at Sackville, N. B.,
in the evening.Officer Rushton who has been away on
his holidays will resume duty tonight.
During his absence ex-Marshall Foster
filled his place.The Dominion Steel Co. has adopted the
Sparham roofing for their building
being erected at Sydney, C. B. Mr.
R. C. Bacon has gone to Sydney to look
after the work.Miss LeFurgy will lecture this evening
on "Some of the Women in Shakespeare"
in the vestry of Central Methodist church
under the auspices of the Woman's Mis-
sionary Society.A meeting open to all will be addressed
in the W. C. T. U. hall at 8 o'clock this
evening explaining the aims of a Compa-
ny (Lady's Branch) Court of the Inde-
pendent Foresters.Detective Power with Albert Gray in
custody, passed through on the Atlantic
express from Boston last night. The de-
tective made a very quick trip. Gray is
wanted in Halifax for theft.The uses of a wife may perhaps be es-
timated through the charges made by a
New Yorker against a man who robbed
him of the "company, comfort, aid, as-
sistance, society, love and affection of his
wife."Mrs. Farquharson, wife of Premier Far-
quharson, of P. E. Island, and daughter,
are stopping at the American, the guests of
Mrs. Charles Farquharson, who has
recently been appointed to a position in
the I. C. R. offices.Eight more of the Scott act cases
against the Brunswick hotel were dis-
missed this morning owing to the absence
of witnesses. This makes fourteen cases,
out of seventeen brought, dismissed.
The other three cases come up tomorrow.The new condensed milk factory at
Charlottetown was opened on Monday.
For the present some fifteen hands will
be employed. The number of hands will
be increased according as the case demands.
The factory when under way is capable of
employing 100 hands, and can handle a
very large quantity of milk.The Truro News says:—"We under-
stand that Rev. H. F. Waring, the very
talented and eloquent preacher of imman-
ent Baptist church, in this town, has re-
ceived a call to the large and wealthy
Brussels Street Baptist church, St. John.
N. B. Mr. Waring may accept the offer;
if so, we all will regret the departure of so
scholarly and able a clergyman from our
midst."Mr. W. D. Martin with characteristic
enterprise has purchased from Mr. J. M. B.
Jones the entire stock of ready-made
clothing, gent's furnishings and kindred
lines recently contained in the W. H.
Faulkner store. The stock is valued at
in the vicinity of \$5,000, and today cart
loads of goods have been transferred to
Mr. Martin's own store, where a large
special sale at slaughter prices will be
carried on. The stock is a choice and select
one, replete for the seasonable trade. Mr.
Martin wishes to turn the goods over
quickly and will offer at phenomenal
prices. See announcement later.Rev. G. M. Campbell, president of
the N. B. & P. E. I. Conference, says of
Miss Le Furgy's lecture: "I had the
pleasure of hearing Miss Le Furgy's most
excellent lecture on 'Some of the Women
of Shakespeare' when she delivered it in
the First Methodist church in Charlottetown.
The large audience was delighted
and enthusiastic. She has made a careful
study of Shakespeare and so clearly
interprets his wonderful creations that the
audience with ease apprehends the thought
and sees the application. Miss Le
Furgy's name on the programme always
brought out an audience of the best
people in Charlottetown."Miss Le Furgy will deliver this lecture
tomorrow evening in the vestry of the
Central Methodist church. Tickets 15 cts.
170-2Just opened pretty novelties for
Xmas, including Photo Frames, Jewel
Cases, Handkerchief Boxes, Fancy Pins,
Belt Buckles, Fancy Baskets, Spool Hold-
ers, Hair Clips, Silk and Lace Ties,
Purses, Pin Trays, Ladies' Work Sets,
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Silk Ribbons, which we make up into
fancy stocks. Also Handkerchief Bouton-
niere and lace edging. Clark's Bullfinch
Crotch Silk and Bedding-Paul Philo
Flores.Mrs. J. J. McDonald, 179 Main St.
180-0A great sensation has been caused
throughout Italy by the trial of two rail-
road men on the charge of robbing and
robbing in a railroad car near Palermo.
Signor Notarbatolo, a former director of
the Bank of Sicily and one of the most
notable citizens of Palermo.British Reverse
at Modder River.Lord Methuen Fails in His Attack
on the Boers.Suffers Great Loss of British
Life and Forced to Entrench.INTENSE EXCITEMENT AND ANXIETY IN ENGLAND
OVER THE FREQUENT REVERSES.Major-General Wauchope of Egyptian, Sou-
dan and Ashanti Fame Killed.GENERAL JOUBERT'S FAMOUS CANNON, "LONG TOM,"
DESTROYED BY THE BRITISH.WHO RETURNING HAVE TO CUT THEIR WAY THROUGH A
BODY OF INTERCEPTING BOERS.LORD METHUEN MEETS
A REVERSE.HIS ATTACK ON THE ENEMY FAILS WITH
GREAT LOSS OF BRITISH LIFE.LONDON, Dec. 13.—[Special]—Lord
Methuen reports from Modder river that
he met a serious check on Monday suffer-
ing great loss.

THE BRITISH LOSS GREAT.

The war office has received the follow-
ing despatch from General Methuen dated
Tuesday, Dec. 12th:

"Our artillery shelled a very strong
position held by the enemy on a long, high
kopje from four until dusk on Sunday. It
rained hard last night. The Highland
brigade attacked at daybreak on Monday
the south end of the kopje. The attack
was properly timed but failed. The
Guards were ordered to protect the
Highlanders' right and rear. The
cavalry and mounted infantry with a
howitzer artillery battery attacked
the enemy on the left and the Guards on
right supported by Field artillery. They
shelled the position from day-break and
at 1.15 I sent the Gordons to support the
Highland brigade. The troops had held
their own in front of the enemy's entrench-
ments until dark, a portion extending
including the Kopje, for a distance of six
miles towards the Modder River. Today
I am holding my position and entrench-
ing myself. I had to face at least 12,000
men. Our loss was great."

GENERAL WAUCHOPE KILLED.

Major General Andrew G. Wauchope,
C. B., C. M. G., who was killed at Mod-
der River, was a highly distinguished
officer of the British Army. He was the
brigadier-general commanding the first
brigade of the Egyptian expeditionary
force in 1898. He entered the army in
1865, was promoted to colonel in 1888,
served in the Ashanti war 1873; in Egypt-
ian war 1882; in the Sudan expedition of
1884 and in the Nile expedition of 1884 to
1885. Gen. Wauchope had been wounded
four times and three times severely.PROBABLE FEATURES
OF THE BRITISH ATTACK.LONDON, Dec. 13.—[Special]—General
Methuen, it is expected, followed up his
artillery attack with a general assault on
the Boer positions on Monday and the
reports show that the anxiety of the
public regarding the result occasioned by
the ominous silence of the war office was
amply justified. The engagement was
evidently of considerable magnitude and
the list of killed and wounded will be pro-
portionate without the compensation which
victory would have brought, if, indeed, the
affair does not turn out to be a more
serious defeat than Gen. Methuen admits.
The Highlanders, it is believed, must have
stormed the Boer position more than once,
while the fact that the Guards were
ordered to support the Highlanders rear,
looks as though the Boers may have
even have outflanked their attack.One report declares that General Cronje
attacked the British. The only compen-
sation the British have been able to dis-
cover in the disheartening story is in General
Methuen's statement that he

MAINTAINS HIS POSITION

close to the Boers, thus arousing the hope
that he will retrieve the situation. Ap-
parently the bombardment of Saturday
and Sunday did not shake the Boers grip
on their position and it seems certain that
they merely withdrew their guns and rifle-
men under cover, while General Methuen
indulged in the usual artillery preliminaries
on Monday, and that when the British
guns were obliged to cease firing owing
to the danger of hitting the advancing
troops. The Boers speedily re-occupiedtheir trenches and overwhelmed the
Highlanders with their terrible rifle-fire,
probably accompanying this by an attack
on the British right flank and rear.ALARM IS BEGINNING TO BE EXPRESSED
in many quarters as to the situation of
General Methuen. The Westminster
Gazette says:—"If England ever needed
victory it is now, and it is to General
Buller a soldier, strong, cool headed and
reticent, that the country looks for this
victory."Other papers are abusing the govern-
ment for its complacent optimism and
inability to grasp the strength of the
opposition that is to be overcome in South
Africa. Considerable significance attaches
to General Methuen's statement that he is
entrenching himself, indicating a fear that
the Boers may follow up their advantage,

ADOPT THE OFFENSIVE

and attack him. Indeed the gravity of
the situation from the British point of
view can hardly be over-estimated. Gen-
eral Methuen's long lines of communi-
cation to De Aar are most vulnerable and
should they be cut General Methuen would
find himself in a very tight place, if only
from lack of supplies. The news of the
British reverses had aBAD EFFECT ON THE STOCK EXCHANGES
where there were general relapses. The
Kaffirs and Rand mines dropped 2½
points and Debeers' dropped ¾.

LONG PROCESSION OF WOUNDED.

ORANGE RIVER, Cape Colony, Dec. 13.—
[Special]—Three hundred and twenty
wounded men have arrived here from
Modder River.

NO FURTHER DETAILS.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—[Special]—The war
office to-day received the following from
Gen. Forester Walker:
CAPETOWN, Tuesday, Dec. 12.—"No
further details from Methuen."FANCY DESCRIPTION
OF THE BRITISH REVERSE.AN EXAGGERATED REPORT SPICED TO SUIT
ANTI-BRITISH TASTES.NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—[Special]—The
Journal has the following: "London
Dec. 13.—Two days of fierce fighting on
Methuen's advance to Kimberley ended in
the Boers checking the advance just be-
yond the Modder River with a rifle fire so
hot that the British troops melted away."

BEFORE IT'S DEADLY HAIL.

The loss to Methuen's men is cabled as
"very heavy." No list has yet been sent
but the description of a furious battle
makes it certain that the casualties will
be the heaviest in any of Methuen's three
prior battles which cost his army more
than

1,000 MEN IN DEAD,

WOUNDED AND MISSING.

A long contest began early on Sunday
morning when the British artillery aided
by the guns of the naval brigade
with lyddite shells opened a furious
canonading on the Boer position at
Magersfontein. All day long a rain of
shells was poured in an incessant stream
upon the trenches. The Boers replied
with spirit and an artillery duel raged
hour after hour, the troops being held in
leash ready to charge the instant the ar-
tillery could be silenced. No chance was
given for a rush on Monday and
yesterday the battle of giants was prompt-
ly resumed. During the morning the Boer
fire was slackened by degrees and by
noon

METHUEN ORDERED THE CHARGE.

Up the hills went the men with a rush,
covered by the fire of every gun in theBritish batteries, but all this terrible shel-
ling had not driven the Boers from their
positions. Undismayed by havoc wrought
by the shells, and even forgetting their
dread of bursting lyddite, they clung to
their trenches. As the British troops
swung up the hill the protecting fire
ceased and then opened up such a rifle
fire as few men could withstand. From
the trenches in front and on each flank
unseen Boers poured in a murderous fire.

MEN DROPPED ON EVERY SIDE.

The line wavered a moment and then
spurred on by the officers it dashed for-
ward again with unflinching spirit. Hu-
man bravery, however, could not stand
under such a fusillade, again the line halt-
ed, the ground was sprinkled with dead
and dying. From the trenches on the hill-
side came an incessant hail of lead; this
time the advance was checked for good.
The troops broke and fled, leaving the
Boers masters of the field.NOTE.—The concluding words render
it highly probable that the report is spiced
to suit anti-British tastes.—ED. TRAN-
SCRIPT.BRITISH BRIGADE ADVANCE
NEAR COLENZO.LONDON, Dec. 13.—[Special]—Des-
patches from Frere dated on Tues-
day say a brigade consisting of English,
Scottish, Irish and Welsh fusiliers under
General Barton with naval guns advanced
and took a strong position three miles
from Colenso, meeting no opposition.DESTRUCTION OF
THE "LONG TOM."JOUBERT'S FAMOUS GUN AT LADYSMITH DE-
STROYED BY THE BRITISH.LONDON, Dec. 13.—The sortie from
Ladysmith and the destruction of the
famous gun, "Long Tom," by the British
is graphically told by the various corre-
spondents. A despatch from Frere dated
last Friday, says: "The most brilliant
piece of work that has been done during
the siege was accomplished at an early
hour this morning. A column of light
horse Natal volunteers supported by British
regular cavalry, went out last night
under command of General Sir Archibald
Hunter."Before dawn broke they attacked a
gun on a hill near Lombard's Kop, carried
the position,

BLEW UP THREE GUNS,

including a six inch creusot piece and one
howitzer, and captured a Maxim-Norden-
feldt quick fire gun."The gallant little force left town be-
fore 10 o'clock last night, and took up a
position near the foot of Lombard's Kop.
At about 2 o'clock this (Friday) morning,
the advance began. The troops got past
the Boer picket in the darkness, and were
charging several hundred yards up the
hill, when the picket awoke, and the sen-
try hailed 'Wie Gaat Daar?' (Who goes
there?)"Getting no reply, he fired his gun and
then ran off shouting 'Willem, Hans,
Manteens,
FLY, THE ROOTNEKS ARE UPON YOU.'"The Boers round the guns fired several
volleys at the advancing troops and then
fled dismayed, down the opposite side of
the hill."There was a hurried search for the
big guns. For a moment the horrible
thought seized us that there might be no
guns at all, that the 'enemy,' as had so
often been the case, had some how got
word of the projected attack and removed
their cannon to a safe distance, but a last,
to the delight of everybody, the 'Long
Tom' itself was discovered snugly en-
frenched behind a parapet of sand bags 31
feet thick. A 4.7 inch howitzer was found
in an emplacement hardly less strong,
with a maxim gun between the two, post-
ed apparently for the purpose of repelling
such an assault as the one we had actually
delivered.

DESTRUCTION OF LONG TOM.

"Lieut. Turner, with two sappers and
six artillery at once took charge of the
'Long Tom,' and with crowbars and ham-
mers smashed the breech and elevating
gear. Two charges of gun cotton were
then placed in the breech and muzzle and
connected with fuses. While the 'Long
Tom' was thus being provided for,
similar attention was bestowed on the
howitzer by Captain Powke and other
sappers and gunners. The preparations
being completed, Gen. Hunter ordered the
men down the hill. The fuses were lit
with the burning ends of officers' cigars.
Everybody fell back with the exception of
Capt. Powke, who remained midway be-
tween the two big guns, and after a
couple minutes of suspense a loud report
showed that an object had been accom-
plished. Capt. Powke hastened examine
the debris. He found the six inch gun
with two gaping holes in the muzzle,
which was badly bulged, and that the
breech rifling had been destroyed beyond
all chance of repair. The howitzer was in
even a worse plight, the

EXPLOSION HAVING WRECKED

the carriage as well as the gun. The
maxim was seized and carried off. The
men returned to camp across the plain
unmolested. Other trophies of the sortie
were an English song book that was found
in a cover underneath the parapet, where
the gunners evidently took refuge, and a
private letter, in which it said that the
Bothers were not a bit frightened."The Boers had built a splendid emplace-
ment on the top of the hill, but they bolted
before our men like rabbits, leaving
everything, even their private letters, be-
hind them.One of these epistles said they had bom-
barded Ladysmith for a month and nine
days, but that the "rootneks" were going
about unconcernedly, and if the town was
to be taken, the Boers must do it at a ter-
rible loss of life.

OUR TROOPS BROUGHT A WRECK

"Long Tom," together with rammer

porges, sights, friction tubes, and other
fittings of the weapons.

ALL THE GUNS ON THE HILL

are quite destroyed now and utterly use-
less for offensive or defensive purposes.
The whole operation, counting from the
moment at which the order to charge was
given, was carried out in three-quarters of
an hour, with the loss on our side of seven
men wounded.This magnificent piece of work has evi-
dently filled the Boers with dismay as
their guns on Mount Buluwana have prac-
tically been silent all day.GENERAL GATACRE'S
STORMBERG DEFEAT.DISCIPLINE AND ARTILLERY ALONE SAVED
THE REMNANT OF THE ARMY.LONDON, Dec. 13.—Some official ex-
planation is offered of General Gatacre's
defeat.—The general on Monday reported
to the war office as follows:—

"The idea to attack Stormberg seemed
to promise certain success, but the dis-
tance was underestimated by myself and
the local guides. A policeman took us
round some miles; consequently we were
marching from 9.30 p. m. till 4 a. m. and
were landed in an impossible position. I
do not consider the error intentional. The
Boers commenced firing from the top of
an unscalable hill and wounded a good
many of our men while in the open plain.
The Northumberlands tried to turn out
the enemy, but failed. The second Irish
Fusiliers seized a kopje near and held on,
supported by the mounted infantry and
Cape police. The guns under Jeffries
could not have been better handled, but I
regret to say that one gun was overturned
in a deep mullah and another sank in the
quicksand. Neither could be extricated
in time to be available. Seeing the situa-
tion, I sent a despatch rider to Molteno
with the news and collected and withdrew
our force from ridge to ridge for about
nine miles. The Boers guns were remark-
ably well served. They carried accurately
5,000 yards. I am holding Bushmanshook
and Cypergat. Am sending the Irish
Rifles and Northumberlands to Storm-
berg to recuperate. The wounded
proceed to Queenstown. The missing
Northumberlands number 366; not 305 as
previously reported."

THE BOER VERSION

of the Stormberg reverse is given thus by
President Steyn:—

"The British with six cannon attacked
the Boers under Swanpoet and Oliver and
stormed the Boers' entrenched positions
on the kopjes. After a severe fight they
were compelled to surrender. The pris-
oners are Major Sturges, six officers
and 230 non-commissioned officers and
men of the Northumberlands; and two
officers and about 250 non-commissioned
officers and men of the Irish Fusiliers. It
is impossible to state the number of dead
or wounded British. The Boers captured
three cannon and two ammunition
wagons."

The latest advices from Gen. Gatacre
show that no anxiety is felt for the safety
of his remaining troops, who have been
withdrawn to good positions along the
railroad south of Molteno.BRITISH PRISONERS
TAKEN TO BLOEMFONTEIN.BOERS REFUSE TO GIVE THE NAMES OF
BRITISH DEAD OR WOUNDED.

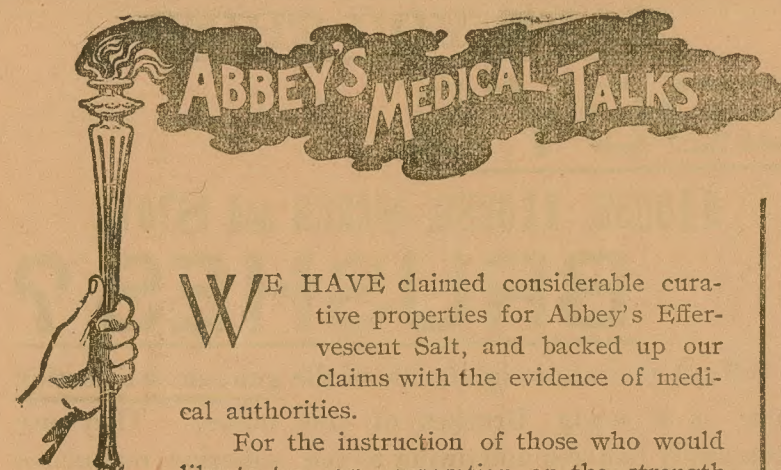
LONDON, Dec. 13.—[Special]—South of

Molteno it is said that Bushmans Hook
is impregnable. The Boers decline to fur-
nish names of either killed or wounded.
They buried the dead and are sending the
prisoners to Bloemfontein. The Boer loss
on Sunday is reported to have been four
killed and nine wounded. Probably that
is correct, as no genuine attack was de-
livered by Gen. Gatacre's troops who
were completely surprised while in col-
umns. The British apparently simply
rushed up the nearest hill without orders
or knowing where the enemy was. The
Irish were so exhausted from long
marches that they were unable to
accomplish anything. General Buller's
advance in the direction of Colenso seems
to have actually commenced. The
military attaches have left Cape Town to
join General Buller via Durban. Genera
White reports under date of Tuesday,
Dec. 12, that there are three cases of
enteric fever at Ladysmith. Renewed
reports come of a cabinet crisis at Cape
Town where it is said that Governor
Milner is about to act in consequences of
disclosures involving the ministry's
loyalty.BRITISH REVERSE
NEAR LADYSMITH.TWELVE BRITISH KILLED, FIFTY WOUNDED
AND SEVERAL CAPTURED.LONDON, Dec. 13.—The war office
publishes the following despatch from
Gen. Buller:—Despatch from Gen. White, dated Dec.
11, says: "Last night Col. Metcalfe and
300 of the Second Rifle brigade sortied to
capture a Boer howitzer on a hill. They
reached the crest without being discover-
ed, drove off the enemy and then destroy-
ed the howitzer with gun cotton.""When returning Metcalfe found his
retirement barred by the Boers, but he
forced his way through, using the bayonet
freely. The Boer losses were considerable.
The British losses were the follow-
ing:—Lieut. Ferguson and 11 men killed;
Captain Paley, Second Lieut. Davenport,
Second Lieut. Bond and 41 men wounded;
six men captured who had remained be-
hind in charge of the wounded.

NOTES OF THE WAR.

President Kruger says the British
are fighting everywhere in the dark.
The war has destroyed the diamond
polishing industry at Antwerp.Runners declare that many British
wounded from Gatacre's column are still
uncared for in the open veldt.Lady Sarah Wilson has been exchanged
for a Boer woman at Mafeking.The Boer agents claim that Gatacre's
defeat will greatly prolong the war.

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